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HOPE TO TAKE ALL FARM SURPLUS BEFORE JULY 31

Chairman Wheat Board Believes Outlook Better

Substantial Year-end Reduction Stocks Anticipated by McIvor

CHANGING SITUATION

But Cannot Be Corrected Immediately, Wheat Pool Delegates Told

GEORGE McIvor, chief commissioner of the Canadian Wheat Board, told the Alberta Wheat Pool delegates convention this week that Canada should experience a better export of wheat this crop year than the 255 million bushels exported in the last crop year and that the year-end carryover should be substantially reduced.

Need Over 12 Months to Correct

At the same time he pointed out that while the combined Canadian and US wheat crops this year are down in volume by 500 million bushels from last year, both countries have a substantial carryover and it will take longer than 12 months before the situation is corrected.

In the last crop year the Wheat Board took delivery of 399 million bushels of wheat, 91 million bushels of oats, and 102 million bushels of barley or a total of 592 million bushels of those three grains. The wheat exports totalled 255 million bushels compared with 386 million in the previous crop year.

Situation Now Somewhat Different

The situation is somewhat different this year as Europe's wheat crop is smaller and has been damaged by a very wet harvest season. Heavy reserves held by governments are not overhanging the market and some countries which were exporters last year are importing wheat this year.

World demand for imports still remain large—over 800 million bushels, indicating that in spite of smaller exports last crop year consumption was substantial. There does not appear to be any lessening in the use of wheat as a staple food product.

The Wheat Board conducted a survey of the amount of grain on farms last October and the indication was that farmers in the prairie provinces held 139 million bushels of all deliverable wheat.

Expect to Take All Surplus

The conclusion was reached that the deliverable quantity of wheat in this area this crop year will be around 411 million bushels. Mr. McIvor thinks that the Board will be able to take all the farm surplus before July 31st, 1955. He also thinks that with

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President Sees Roundup Success Already Assured



Near 1954 Total Though Most of Figures to Come

OFFICE SWAMPED

Most Foremen Unreported — Vote Favoring Municipal Dues Collection

By W. D. SUMMERS,
Provincial Roundup Director
(Exclusive to The Western Farm Leader)

EDMONTON, Alta. — Latest returns from FUA Roundup Day held on November 22nd—returns which are actually 60 hours behind schedule, though an augmented staff worked throughout the week-end—reveal some twenty thousand members already signed up, including eleven thousand farm heads, bringing the totals from these very early returns within 20 per cent of the 1954 enrolment. Yet 80 per cent of the foremen remain unreported.

Will Take Several Weeks

"FUA headquarters," announced President "Henry G. Young, "are swamped with returns, and it will take several weeks more before final results are known. But success is already assured." Mr. Young urged Roundup riders to stay on the job until all is completed.

Was No Local — Expect 400

It is noteworthy that Calmar, west of Leduc, which has had no FUA local, has yielded the highest individual returns, according to reports so far received, with a membership which is expected to exceed 400.

Municipal Collection of Dues

An interesting Roundup feature was the referendum regarding the municipal collection of membership dues. Three thousand out of eleven thousand returns tallied showed farmers favoring the plan by a three to one majority. North of the line through Red Deer the vote is four to one in favor of the plan, while south of the same line the vote split even with counties opposing it sixty to forty.

Over 5,000 Cars, 8,000 Canvassers

The drive developed a veritable landslide of members—old and new—as over 5,000 cars and other vehicles carrying nearly 8,000 canvassers plied

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"Never did so many men of so many races owe so much to one brave man."

In these words of tribute, broadcast by the CBC on the eve of Sir Winston Churchill's eightieth birthday, L. W. Brockington, QC, of Canada, spoke for free men everywhere.

Below we reprint the sonnet written by Isa Grindlay Jackson for our issue of August 1st, 1941, when victory remained still a distant goal. Almost a year earlier, the vastly outnumbered Royal Air Force (some Canadians amongst them) had defeated the Luftwaffe and so saved the world from irreparable disaster. It was of these gallant men of the Battle of Britain that Churchill said: "Never in the history of human conflict has so much been owed by so many to so few."

TO CHURCHILL

(August 1st, 1941)

Here in the West, where men and women dwell
In peace and walk in freedom, when we hear
Your voice, that can so cleverly dispel
Alike our morbid fears and easy cheer,
We find reality, a virtue that we prize.
We see the road to victory as hard
But certain, and with clearer eyes
The beckoning of duty we regard.

To see the truth and tell it in this hour
Is greatness past all measure and compare;
Your honesty sustains your forthright power
To ward off both complacency and despair.
The storm rides high, but cannot overwhelm
The ship that has your hand upon the helm.

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

Record Patronage Dividend to be Distributed by Pool

Another Very Satisfactory Year Recorded by Alberta Wheat Pool

THE Alberta Wheat Pool convention held during the week beginning November 23 listened to a satisfactory financial report from the directors and the manager on the operations in the business year ended July 31st last. The surplus for the year was \$2,448,106, somewhat down from last year's figure of \$2,690,737.40, which is understandable in view of elevator congestion.

Pool Handlings

Pool elevator handlings total 56,186,115 bushels compared with 79,789,409 bushels handled in the previous year. The decline in handlings was due

partially to restricted deliveries by producers, but mainly to the system of freight car allocation which now provides one car for each elevator at local delivery points.



BEN S. PLUMER,
Chairman of Board.



A. T. BAKER,
Pool General Manager.

Oppose Present Car Distribution Plan

In their reports the directors and A. T. Baker, manager, expressed vigorous opposition to the car distribution plan now in operation. The directors said that a vigorous fight had been put up to retain the rights of grain producers to deliver their grain to the elevator of their choice. But not a great deal had been accomplished.

For many years farmers have fought for the privilege of selecting the elevators to which they wanted to deliver their grain, but whatever has been achieved in the past now seems to have been thrown into the discard.

Priority Sought for Shippers' Wishes

Mr. Baker said that the Alberta Wheat Pool believes that the wishes of the shippers should have priority over the handling company, and it should not be the prerogative of the railways to determine the choice of country elevator to which the farmer must deliver his grain. Many Alberta Wheat Pool members have been prevented from patronizing Pool elevators because of the present car distribution method and this excludes them from enjoying the many advantages by patronizing Pool elevators.

Saved Canada From Farm Depression

In the directors' report, reference is made to the Wheat Board method of marketing and the measure of security it has given to producers. Production of all grains in the prairie provinces averaged around 1,200,000,000 bushels in the three years 1951 to 1953, of which wheat production averaged 592 million bushels.

Under the open market system such a huge volume of production would certainly have brought about a price collapse, particularly in view of heavy production in other wheat exporting countries. The Wheat Board has saved Canada from an agricultural depression.

IWA Is Commended

The International Wheat Agreement came in for commendation, the claim being made that through its operations, friendly associations with wheat importing nations have been gained which have been beneficial in many ways. Overseas customers have not been antagonized, and grain producers in exporting countries have been given the assurance of price supports when surpluses threaten price collapse.

Membership Raised to 48,530

The directors reported that during the past year 2,314 new members joined the Alberta Wheat Pool. The membership as at July 31st last was 48,530.

Mr. Baker, manager, was critical of the interest of 4 per cent charged by

the bank on money which has been advanced on stored grain. He claimed that that interest had to be paid by producers, and the soundness of the security should result in a lower rate.

Elect Directors

In the election of the directors, which took place at the Alberta Wheat Pool convention Friday evening, R. C. Bell of Carstairs, W. J. Blair of Naco, and G. L. Harrold of Lamont were re-elected to the Pool's Board of Directors for a two year period. They represent the Calgary, Red Deer and Vermilion districts of the Wheat Pool.

Election of the directors of the remaining four districts does not take place this year. Board members for these districts are: Nelson Malm, of Vauxhall, Ben S. Plumer of Bassano, Gerald Oberg, of Forestburg and Walter Mueller of Spirit River.

Patronage Dividends \$2,233,465

Last Friday afternoon, at the annual meeting of Alberta Wheat Pool delegates in Calgary it was decided to distribute patronage dividends to the value of \$2,233,465 on members' deliveries to Pool elevators in the 1953-54 crop year. Of this total \$601,389 will be in cash and the balance of \$1,632,096 will be in reserve credits, with which rests the ownership of this farm co-operative.

This distribution will provide for the largest patronage dividend in the history of the organization—5.2 cents a bushel for wheat and flax and 2.6 cents for oats, barley and rye. In the case of wheat and flax 1.4 cents a bushel will be in cash with the balance in reserves and for oats, barley and rye .7 cents will be in cash, the remainder being in reserves.

In addition to the cash patronage dividend to members, some \$200,000 will be paid out to purchase reserves held by estates of deceased members and reserves from members who are no longer farming. Another \$434,896

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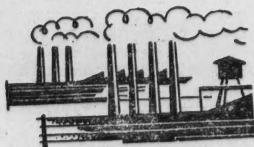
MANAGEMENT OF MINES AND MINERALS IN ALBERTA

The Department of Mines and Minerals has the administration and management of all mines, minerals and natural resources vested in or belonging to the Crown in the right of the province.

The Department consists of three administrative and two service divisions. Responsibilities of the administrative divisions are as follows:

Mineral Rights Division

This division is responsible for the administration of the disposition of sub-surface natural resources held by the Crown by lease, reservation, license, permit or other agreement and for collection of fees, rentals, royalties, bonuses and other revenue from Crown mineral rights.

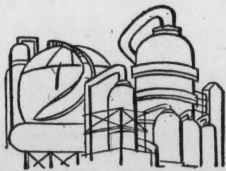


Mines Division

This division is responsible for the administration and enforcement of rules and regulations relating to safety and working conditions in mines and quarries and also examination and certification of personnel.

Mineral Taxation Division

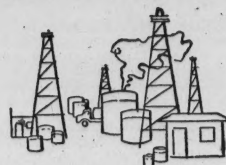
This division administers the Mineral Taxation Act which provides for the collection of an acreage tax from the owners of all freehold mineral rights in the Province. In areas where a mineral is being produced a tax is also levied



on the mineral by assessment according to the statute.

In addition the following Boards report to the Minister of Mines and Minerals:

The Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board consists of a chairman and two members, with headquarters at 514-11th Avenue West, Calgary. The Board administers all matters pertaining to drilling production and conservation of oil and gas resources of the Province.



The Right of Entry Arbitration Board also consists of a chairman and two members with headquarters in the Land Titles Building, Edmonton. When a mineral operator is unable to acquire the surface necessary for the effectual working of the mineral from the owner, and occupant where the land is occupied, the Board upon application by the mineral operator may grant right of entry and determine the portion of the surface rights that may be used by the mineral operator together with the compensation payable to the surface owner and occupant.

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CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

SLOGAN FOR TODAY: "Test and Weigh and keep the cows that pay."



Christmas 1954

DEAR Members, Employees and Consumers: Another year is almost over and 1954 will long be remembered for its very late, wet spring and summer and the severe frost in September, which drastically reduced the cash returns from all grain crops in Central Alberta.

A year like 1954 brings home to the dairy farmer the vital part a few good cows can play in his year's operations.

While your farm returns were reduced this year, other factors have curtailed gross earnings of your organization; but we should be truly thankful to live in a land like our Canada, and especially Alberta, with no Hurricane Hazels.

We members of Central Alberta Dairy Pool, our employees and the consumers of Alpha brand products, are dependent on each other. As member-producers we must have employees to produce our products and the members and employees depend on the consumers' approval and purchase of those products.

So, on behalf of Central Alberta Dairy Pool, may I express a sincere wish to you and yours for a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous Happy 1955.

Yours fraternally,

Gas. A. Wood.

PRESIDENT.

Last Word on Turkeys

It is always important to market correctly dressed and well finished turkeys.

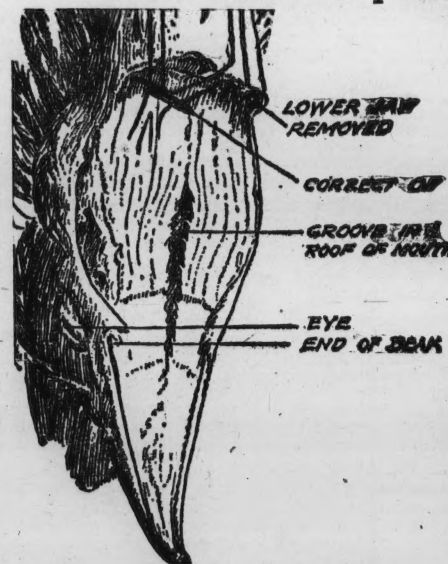
This year it is more important than ever.

Turkeys are in abundant supply this year, and prices will be lower than they have been in the last year or so.

To help you realize the last cent for your birds we publish below instructions for the correct way to kill and dress your turkeys.

If these instructions are followed your birds will bring the highest market price, providing that they are finished properly.

Instructions for Dry Picking Turkeys



KNIFE — We recommend a narrow blade knife with a good point. A small kitchen knife can be ground down to answer the purpose if it is made of good material:

BLEEDING — Hand the bird by the feet—breast toward you. With the left hand grasp the head of the bird with the top of head resting in palm of hand. Let the thumb and forefinger come around the head applying pressure at base of jaw and this will cause mouth of bird to open and make insertion of knife easy. Study the diagram shown above and you will see the position of

veins in the neck. It is necessary to cut one or both of these veins either cross or angular. (Do not make straight cut to-

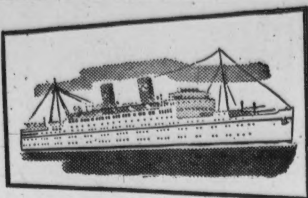
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Dates for Buying Turkeys

December - 1954

PLACE	DATE	PLACE	DATE
INNISFAIL (Don Manuel)	Dec. 1 - 15	STETTNER (Haskovitch)	Dec. 1 - 15
RED DEER	Dec. 1 - 15	STETTNER (Stettner Grocery)	Dec. 1-15
ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE	Dec. 1 - 15	CORONATION	Dec. 1 - 15
ECKVILLE	Dec. 1 - 15	CASTOR	Dec. 1 - 14
BLUFFTON	Dec. 1 - 15	MONITOR	Dec. 4 and Dec. 10
RIMBEY	Dec. 1 - 15	VETERAN	Dec. 10
BENTLEY	Dec. 1 - 15	OLDS	Dec. 1 - 18
PONOKA	Dec. 1 - 15	ELNORA	Dec. 1 - 15
ALIX	Dec. 1 - 15	TROCHU (Central Meat Market)	Dec. 10 and Dec. 17
ENDIAN	Dec. 9 until noon	HANNA	Dec. 1 - 15
BYEMOOR	Dec. 9 afternoon	ACME	Dec. 1 - 15
DELBURNE	Dec. 1 - 15	BROOKS	Dec. 1 - 23
STETTNER	Dec. 1 - 15	LETHBRIDGE	Dec. 1 - 23

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POOL HAS ANOTHER GOOD YEAR

As the reports presented to the annual meeting of the Alberta Wheat Pool show, another very successful year has been enjoyed by the Pool.

The decision to distribute the largest patronage dividend in the history of the organization — \$2,233,465 on deliveries during the last crop year, of which \$601,389 will be in cash and the balance in reserve credits — will be received with general approval at this time by the membership throughout the Province. Payments for the purchase of reserves will greatly swell the amount distributed. Total cash distribution to members will be \$1,236,285.

The provision of a \$2,000,000 addition to the terminal of the Alberta Pool at Vancouver, as announced to the meeting, will bring the total capacity of the terminal to 7,150,000 bushels. This increased capacity will prove of great value in future operations, as grain now moves in increasing volume via the Pacific.

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THE UNITARIAN SERVICE COMMITTEE

The provision of technical aid to underdeveloped lands is at once a duty and a necessity. It is necessary to the survival of the values of our own civilization, and not a matter of charity; for within the next decade or two the present "have-not" millions may have the future of civilization in their hands.

Technical aid, therefore, is a compelling responsibility, and Canada, through the Colombo plan and through various agencies of the United Nations, is doing, though not as yet as much as she should, at least as large a share as most other western governments to meet it. That, however, is a long-term task.

In the meantime there is a personal challenge to all of us to do what we can to relieve distress — especially distress for which we have a measure of responsibility, as in Korea. The need is pressing.

Dr. Lotta Hitschmanova, director of the Unitarian Service Committee, recently passed through Calgary on the last lap of her second round-the-world trip. She travelled 33,000 miles by plane, bus, jeep, by foot and — for short distances — carried on a man's back. She inspected the projects being carried on by the USC in Europe, the Middle East, India, Korea, Japan, and gathered information to guide the committee in its program for the coming months.

To carry on the immediate program, it is hoped to collect \$110,000 before Christmas, of which \$50,000 is earmarked for sending dried Canadian codfish to feed Korean children; \$5,000 to send powdered whole milk for Korean babies suffering from malnutrition; \$5,000 for sewing machines to enable Korean widows to earn their livings; \$20,000 for blankets for Greece; \$20,000 for jeep ambulances and other health services for India, and \$10,000 for the support and education of European war orphans. The USC headquarters are at 48 Sparks St., Ottawa.

Faith

We know, who many Christmases have seen,
The Christmas spirit nothing can estrange.
From year to year, beneficent, serene,
It steals among us changeless amid change.
Life's daily tempo mounts from speed to speed,
Old values fade, old loyalties depart,
But Christmas still returns to sow new seed

Of understanding in the wayward heart.
There lies in this vast fountain of goodwill,
That flows anew with every Christmas-tide,
Eternal promise time shall yet fulfil
The wistful dream of warfare set aside,
To usher in a great new era's birth—
Its fruitfulness assured by peace on earth.

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

FUNCTIONAL, and BEAUTIFUL, HOLSTEIN (Ottawa Citizen)

Should the aesthetic be preferred to the functional? It is an old question, to which each man has his own answer, but many must agree that the right decision was made at the Royal Winter Fair the other day with respect to Rockwood Beulah Pal Rockette, a Holstein. The animal won the best aged cow and the best uddered female awards, and was one of the trio that won the trophy for the three best udders in the show. But not until it was agreed that it didn't matter that the twitch it wore was beautiful but false.

One of the judges, Mr. Harvey Swartz of Waukesha, Wis., admired the twitch, or at least was unusually attracted to it. He gave it a pull, and it came off, leaving the tip of the tail bare, not unlike the head of a bald man who has lost his toupee. But how much was the false twitch to affect judgment when efficiency as a milk producer was the basic issue? The awards speak for themselves.

Yet were the aesthetic and the functional genuinely in conflict? What is the aesthetic standard? Is a beautiful cow one with a fine twitch, or one which gives unstintingly of her abundance? What's a cow for? If it is agreed that a cow exists not so much as a decoration as to supply food, the verdict is clear. It doesn't matter if the twitch is false, provided the udders are real. An efficient cow is pleasing because it fulfills its function well. Architects and town planners, learning this lesson during the present century, have been designing buildings and cities containing less gingerbread and more light and air. Rockwood Beulah Pal Rockette is a child of the 20th century, as functional as a new skyscraper or expressway, and as beautiful.

AS TOYNBEE SEES IT

"Toynbee, lecturing at the Johns Hopkins university the week after the election, observed that the world is now pretty much where Europe was at the time of the Peace of Westphalia. Communists and Capitalists, like seventeenth century Catholics and Protestants, have been fighting inconclusively for 30 years. There is no indication that either can win a complete victory in the predictable future, and there is every indication that continued fighting can reduce the world to the condition of Germany in 1648, that is, to cannibalism. The religious belligerents had sense enough to quit, 300 years ago." — Gerald W. Johnson in *New Republic*.

Ranchers "Will Not Oppose" Marketing Legislation

Position of Western Stock Growers Is Set Forth by President of Association

THE Western Stock Growers' Association will not oppose in any way the enactment of enabling legislation for producer marketing boards in Alberta sought by the Alberta Federation of Agriculture. This statement was made by Bert Hargrave of Walsh, president of W.S.G.A., during a special meeting at Irvine, sponsored by the FUA Local to discuss such marketing boards.

Plan Is Outlined

Roy C. Marler of Clover Bar, president of the agricultural federation, and K. V. Kapler of Strome, vice-president, were the special speakers. They outlined in detail the enabling legislation sought, that such boards would only be set up where a majority of producers of one specific commodity sought such control; that producers themselves would be solely responsible for marketing procedure under the boards, and that no one group of producers would be compelled to organize such a board unless they voluntarily decided on the move themselves.

Basis of Press Criticism

In the discussion period following the addresses Mr. Hargrave said that any press comments and criticisms stemming from the cattle producers' group were based on marketing legislation of Saskatchewan and Manitoba "which contains an element of compulsion with which cattlemen are concerned."

"The Alberta legislation as outlined here tonight is reasonable for the benefit of certain lines of producers. There are many products which could be very well handled by such a producer marketing board, such as eggs, poultry, honey and the like. We commend the functions of the Canadian Wheat Board.

"Will Not Oppose"

"We will not oppose or condemn the legislation sought in Alberta. I do not say, however, that we will go out and promote it. When it comes to cattle we have very serious concern over the prospect of any compulsory action, either from small or large producers. This concern is based on programs shaping up in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. There they employ compulsion. They do say how many head a cattleman may run under certain marketing conditions, how many cattle he may sell, and what price he is to get.

"Control of marketing in respect to numbers could be very serious, because our toughest problem is that of storage. You can't store cattle. In the fall when they are ready to market they have to be marketed, although I realize you can store or can beef but that is an expensive process."

Appreciates Co-operative Attitude

In reply Mr. Marler said he appreciated the competent statement and co-operative attitude taken by Mr. Hargrave. He said that when legislation is enacted in Alberta the responsibility to form boards rests solely on producers of certain products.

"We do not envision the use of compulsion as feared," added Mr. Marler. "Our full intent is to have responsibility rest with the producers."

Some Features to Meet Emergencies

Mr. Kapler explained that the prohibitive feature of some marketing legislation was aimed, he believed, at directing products into a given market to meet an emergency situation, rather than to compel producers to sell their produce at a specific time, or to hold back. He also said that storage of meat products was not new, and that such facilities were being expanded.

Not a Vote Against

Some 60 farmers and ranchers of the Irvine district attended the session, and in a straw vote at the conclusion the great majority voted in favor of the proposed legislation; with some abstaining, and none voting against.

Similar meetings are being held in Rolling Hills and Brooks to bring to 45 the number of such constituency rallies held by the federation in the past month.

Mr. Marler said that at every meeting a majority "voted" in favor of the marketing legislation. He anticipated that this would be presented at the next sitting of the legislature.

The Irvine meeting was chairmaned by Anders Anderson, local director of the FUA, while members were welcomed by Ted Maser.

Much Misunderstanding

In his opening remarks Mr. Marler said that a great deal of misunderstanding existed as to what the Alberta Federation of Agriculture sought in the way of marketing legislation.

"We do not seek or want government control," declared the speaker. "We simply ask enabling legislation to permit us to set up producer marketing boards, which would be fully controlled by the producers affected.

Double Benefit Is Aim

"Our aim is to improve the lot of agriculture; to get away from wide fluctuations up or down of prices, thus benefitting both producers and consumers.

"The idea is not new. It has been in force in British Columbia for 20 years to handle the marketing of tree fruits, and covering vegetables the past 16 years. Most other provinces, except Alberta and Quebec, have such marketing legislation. We have been seeking it in Alberta since the federal government ended wartime controls in 1949."

Farmers Need Sense of Security

"Markets and prices are our first

At a time when marketing legislation and producer marketing boards are under discussion throughout rural Alberta, and rural people are giving expression to their strong desire for workable legislation, the co-operative attitude of the President of the Western Stock Growers' Association is especially gratifying. The position of that Association is set forth by Mr. Hargrave in the report, originally published in *The Medicine Hat News* of November 12th, which is given in full on this page.

problems, and marketing boards are essential to stabilize not only prices, but also production. Alberta farmers are efficient and good producers, but they need a sense of security so that they can conduct operations on a long-term basis."

Mr. Kapler said there would be a separate board for each commodity, with producers themselves devising the plan, naming the board, and directing its marketing policies.

The board does not touch the physical handling of the commodity he added, just controlling marketing elements. With open marketing the farmers do not have any say on price and market conditions.

Supply and Demand Would Operate

Risk and speculation are removed from operations under a marketing board, continued the speaker, "and our enterprise is conducted in the

A.F.A. NOTES

By JAMES R. McFALL, Secretary

Federation Annual Meeting

— Detail plans are taking shape for the fourteenth annual meeting of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, which will be held in the Palm Room of the Macdonald Hotel, Edmonton, on December 15th, 16th and 17th.

The Federation has experienced a very busy season to report and there are many important issues to discuss, so all member organizations are urged to send their full quota of delegates.

Farm Forum — The Farm Radio

Forum program is away to a good start in Alberta, with a number of new groups being organized. There

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same manner as any big industrial enterprise. All private firms set their own selling prices of their goods; surely the farmers should be entitled to set the selling price of their products. Supply and demand would work on its same principle under a board as it does now in open markets."

Establishment of a board would control all commodities of a certain type; it would eliminate price cutting, and loss selling in periods of surplus production. The act has great authority, said Mr. Marler, "but any board set up would only use limited authority to carry out what its member producers want done."



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—Sir Thomas Browne.



**Merry
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To our Friends, Members
and Fellow Workers in
the Co-operative Field

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for continued progress in
your co-operative
endeavor

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A SCIENTIST LOOKS INTO THE FUTURE

By ALEXANDER CALHOUN, M.A., LL.D.

A year ago in this special column I wrote about the "War on World Poverty", basing my article on a book with this title, by Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade in the last Labor Government. I have just been re-reading the article (and to me it reads quite fresh and vital) and asking myself whether we have made any progress in this war against hunger.

I think we have, but it is a very difficult question to answer. There can be no final answer, because it is, among other things a race between population increase and food production.

The Long Term View

We are inclined to take the short view in discussing this question. It is an immediate and urgent problem. People are dying of starvation now, but there is also a long term view, and it is stated soberly and with impressive documentation by Harrison Brown in his new book, *Challenge of Man's Future* (Viking Press, \$3.75). Harrison Brown is a brilliant young geochemist, presently lecturing in the California Institute of technology, Pasadena. He is only 37.

"Toynbee" of Scientific World

I can best describe this book by saying that the author is the Arnold Toynbee of the scientific world, taking a peep at the long future of the human race, of the rise and fall of civilizations in the long centuries to come. (Arnold Toynbee's last four volumes of his amazing *Study of History* represent the publishing event of the year. In this great work, Toynbee has analysed the rise and fall of the great civilizations of the past and present, and made some forays into the future.)

In his book, Harrison Brown weighs the food, population, energy, and material factors over the next 100 years and the centuries that follow. He writes as a scientist, deeply concerned over the future of the human race. Is it marching blindly into the future, or is it disposed to, or able to, chart and plan its own future?

Growth of World's Population

From all the available evidence as studied by population experts, world population will increase from its present estimated total of 2,400,000,000 to 3,400,000,000 in 1975, and will nearly treble, to 7,000,000,000 in the next 100 years, always provided we do not blow ourselves to bits in a suicidal atomic war.

Possibilities of Food Production

Yet Brown is optimistic about our ability to feed this enormous population if scientific possibilities are developed to the full. He explores all the methods of increasing food production, including the cultivation of algae in sea water. Algae have a high protein content. But he believes that world population must eventually be stabilized by the use of contraceptives and other controls. Whether this is possible is a big question. The alternatives are Malthusian — war, famine and pestilence.

This is a baffling book to review. I shall only touch on some of the highlights. Perhaps the most interesting thesis he propounds is the possi-

bility, if not probability, that owing to atomic wars, or exhaustion of resources or overpopulation, our world may become once again a purely agrarian society. He contends that once our advanced technology, such as exists today in the U.S., is destroyed, it can never be recreated.

Materials — A Rather Gloomy Picture

The recently published Paley's Report of the Materials Policy Commission painted a rather gloomy picture of raw material resources of the U.S. and their future availability. Author Brown has leaned heavily on this Report.

To put it concisely, almost all the principal metals are limited in quantity on a world basis, and in course of time will become exhausted, and this is true of other non-metallic materials essential to an advanced technology.

The richer deposits of iron ore in the US are nearing exhaustion, and she is now importing heavily from Canada and South America. Copper deposits in the US are also nearing exhaustion. The US is a heavy importer of copper, and world supplies appear inadequate to meet the requirements of a world now embarked on a rapid industrialization.

Inexhaustible Source Will Remain

The author, however, is hopeful of our being able to find other ample sources of raw materials. Extremely interesting is his picture of the raw materials available in a ton of granite or igneous rock. When all the readily extractable metals and elements necessary to a technological society such as ours are exhausted, the rocks of the earth's crust remain as an inexhaustible source of the most essential materials, though the cost of extraction and the energy, in horsepower, required for the task will be formidable obstacles.

For example, 100 tons of average igneous rock contain, and I quote: "8 tons of aluminum, 5 tons of iron, 1200 lbs. of titanium, 180 lbs. of manganese, 70 lbs. of chromium, 40 lbs. of nickel, 30 lbs. of vanadium, 20 lbs. of copper, 10 lbs. of tungsten, and 4 lbs. of lead." Also 1 ton of rock contains "about 4 parts per million of uranium and 12 parts per million of thorium." These are the materials for an atomic power plant, and minute as these amounts are, if they could be extracted they would be equivalent in energy to about 50 tons of coal.

Again says Harrison Brown, and I quote: "the basic raw materials of the future will be air, sea water, igneous rock, limestone, phosphate rock, and sunlight. All the ingredients essential to a highly-industrialized society are present in the combination of these substances." During the last war for example, large quantities of magnesium were extracted from sea water by the US.

Useless Unless We Can Find Energy

But all his storehouse of raw materials will be useless unless we can find the energy or horsepower with which to process them. Our main sources of power now are coal, oil, gas and water power. The author foresees the early exhaustion of coal, oil and gas, though the coal miner

will have his day as key worker.

In the US about 70 per cent of the available hydroelectric power is now being utilized. Full utilization would provide little more than 2 per cent of present energy requirements. (In Ontario available hydroelectric power will be almost fully utilized, once St. Lawrence River power is harnessed.)

The author explores every additional source of energy, vegetation, sunlight, tides, wind and atomic power. He is moderately optimistic about the use of atomic power, but there are a good many "ifs" involved. Fissionable material may be exhaustible, and the safe disposal of radioactive materials presents great difficulties. The author also foresees extensive use of solar power in areas like Arizona. It must be remembered that our energy requirements the world over are increasing at an ever accelerating rate.

Some Conclusions

What are some of the implications of this surprising analysis, which I personally have found rather fascinating? What I am saying now is partly my own thought and partly the author's.

Surely it is clear that an atomic age means that the nations of the world must learn to co-operate or die. And this means ultimately some kind of world government, a greatly strengthened United Nations. And it means planning on a world scale.

Conservation an Ethical Imperative

These precious raw materials must be conserved and wisely used and shared. There is colossal waste on this continent. The Atlantic Charter promised EQUAL access to raw materials to all nations. Conservation is an ethical imperative binding on us all. Our soil is, after all, our richest resource. We should tend it with loving care. And there will never be too much food in the world. Someday we shall learn to use it wisely and share it with all mankind. These are some of the challenges which confront us and all men both now and in coming days.

A FRENCH WOMAN LOOKS AT AMERICA

Simone de Beauvoir, a young Frenchwoman already well known for her earlier brilliant book *The Second Sex*, spent four months in the US in 1948. She came to lecture on existentialism at universities and colleges across the country, and she has put down her impressions in diary form. Her book is entitled *America Day by Day*. (Grove Press, \$4.00.)

Perhaps my readers are wondering what Existentialism is. Well, I am not going to attempt to define it. It is a very modern and personal philosophy, which we associate with the name of Jean Paul Sartre. At any rate, we can be satisfied that Simone de Beauvoir is a woman of exceptional abilities. Her book demonstrates this. It has freshness.

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Season's Greetings

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Books for Young Readers

By
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There is an increasing concern today regarding the reading of comics, and parents are constantly asking teachers and librarians how to stop their children from incessantly reading them. There is only one answer — BOOKS. Replace the comics with books that will hold their interest.

Families Can Get Together

It is, of course, easier to do this in the city where a public library is available, but it can be done elsewhere too. For instance, I know of communities where several families get together and buy good books, and they trade them around so that all the children have an opportunity to read them.

The Best Solution

The best solution is a travelling library, and if you are concerned enough about your children's reading you will leave no stone unturned until you make this a reality.

But with Christmas approaching you can begin by buying books for the Christmas Tree. Books that will be read and re-read by all the family.

"The Biggest Bear" — Lynn Wood — Allen	\$3.00
"Cinderella" — Marcia Brown — Scribner	\$2.35
"The Horse Who Had His Picture in the Paper" — Phyllis McGinley — Lippincott	\$2.75
"Jingle — Jangle" (Verses) — Zhenya Gay — Viking	\$2.50
"Journey Cake Ho" — Ruth Sawyer — Viking	\$3.00
"Lavender's Blue Goose" — Kathleen Lines — Oxford	\$3.00
"Madeline's Rescue" — Ludwig Bemelmans — Viking	\$3.50
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"Silly Willy Nilly" — Leonard Weisgard — Saunders	\$2.50
"Willie Goes to School" — Pauline Vinson — MacMillan	\$2.25

Fairy Tales and Imaginative Stories

After the Picture Books come the Fairy Tales, the imaginative stories, stories of magic, stories where the good are always rewarded and the wicked are punished. This wonderful world of make-believe is very real to a child, and once he is beyond the gates he can never really enter it again. We, as grown-ups, cannot remember what it was like to really believe in a magic circle, for we are

on the outside looking in and it isn't the same thing at all.

Authors Need Special Magic Word

The authors who write these stories need a special pen and a special magic word that they can use which will let them feel again what it was like to believe in magic. Fortunately for the children of today there are a number of writers who do believe and here are some we like:

"Alphonse That Bearded One" — Natalie Carlson — McLeod	\$3.00
"The Borrowers" — Mary Norton — McLeod	\$3.00
"The Enchanted Castle" — E. Nesbit — Longmans	\$3.50
"The Happy Mariners" — Gerald Bullett — Hollinger	\$1.75
"Freddy and the Men from Mars" — Walter Brooks — Knopf	\$3.25
"Magic Fishbone" (Illustrated by Slobodkin) — Charles Dickens — Copp Clark	\$2.95
"Miss Pickereil Goes to the Arctic" — Ellen MacGregor — McGraw-Hill	\$2.75
"Merry Miller" — Rosalys Hall — Oxford	\$2.75
"Train for Tiger Lily" — Louise Riley — MacMillan	\$2.50
"Turf-Cutter's Donkey Kicks up His Heels" — Patricia Lynch — Hollinger	\$2.00
"The Wind in the Willows" — Kenneth Grahame — Scribner	\$2.50

Informative Books

Then there are the children who like to know about things or who like to make things. Not so long ago, when small children asked for in-

formative books, we had to use adult material, but now there is a wealth of material written to satisfy the enquiring minds of the youngest reader:

"Earthworms" — Dorothy Hogner — Random	\$2.50
"Elephants" — Herbert S. Zim — Morrow	\$2.25
"First Book of Magic" — Edward Stoddard — Watts	\$1.95
"First Book of Trains" — Campbell Tatham — Random	\$2.00
"How to make Doll's Clothes" — Emily Dow — Coward	\$2.75
"Paper Dolls" — Edith Ackley — Longmans	\$3.25
"Pogo's Truck Ride" — Jo Norling — McLeod	\$2.00
"Rocks, Rivers and the Changing Earth" — Herman Schneider — Saunders	\$3.00
"The Sun" — Herbert S. Zim — McLeod	\$2.35
"What Horse is it?" — Anna Pistorius — Ambassador	\$2.25
"What Flower is it?" — Anna Pistorius — Ambassador	\$2.25

For Older Boys and Girls

For the older boys and girls, eleven to fifteen, who say, "Please give me a good exciting book to read," there are so many titles I couldn't begin to list them here, but among the most popular of the newer books are:

"The Ark" — Margot Benary-Isbert — Harcourt	\$3.00
"Black Bass Rock" — Marianne MacDonald — Macmillan	\$2.50
"The Flicker's Feather" — Merritt Allen — Longmans	\$3.25
"The Gauntlet" — Ronald Welch — Oxford	\$2.00
"The Golden Monkey" — Franuk Knight — Macmillan	\$2.00
"Ouray the Arrow" — Olive Burt — Messner	\$3.25
"Sama (the Elephant Prince)" — Rene Guillot — Oxford	\$1.75
"Search and Rescue at Sea" — John Floherty — Lippincott	\$3.25
"Switch Hitter" (Baseball) — Duanel Decker — Morrow	\$3.25
"Trail North to Danger" — Joseph Gage — Winston	\$2.95
"Trail of the Little Paiute" — Mabel Moran — Lippincott	\$3.00
"True Adventures of Pirates" — Seymour Pond — Little Brown	\$3.25
"Wild Winter" — Kerry Wood — Houghton	\$2.50

Detailed book lists can be obtained from the Calgary Public Library, Boys and Girls Department.

DR. ALEX CALHOUN

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Innocent, at Times Merciless Gaze

Her French eyes seem to see everything. She has fine powers of observation, and she brings a fresh, almost innocent gaze to bear on the vast landscapes. The great cities, the motels, the filling-stations. And it is a critical gaze, sharp and merciless at times. And she has fine descriptive powers. In a line or two she paints a picture.

She travelled by plane, by train, by car. She travelled slowly by bus from Los Angeles to New Orleans, to Texas and Florida. She was shocked by the rules of segregation in the South, by racial discrimination wherever she found it. She condemns it in no uncertain terms. It is no accident that she dedicates her book to the well known negro writer, Richard Wright and his wife.

Shrewd Comments on University Life

She had some shrewd comments to make on university life and ways. She made a point of talking to both students and professors at the colleges where she lectured. She quotes a Harvard student as saying, "In Europe students are intellectuals; that is not so here." She speaks of the sons of the rich taking care to take no higher grade than "C" in examinations. To take an "A" would carry with it some social stigma.

I do not wish to give the impression that she has nothing good to say about the US. She is not malicious. She fell in love with New York and explored almost every nook and cranny of it. She loves people.

Reaction of a Cultivated European

I found her book rather fascinating. It is the reaction of a cultivated European, a Parisian, to the rawness of this continent. I am sure that if she had toured Canada, she would have had some hard things to say

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Tribute Paid to Junior Grain Club—Crossfield UGG Agent Is Honored

Reorganized Club

Tribute to the Junior Grain Club at Crossfield, winners of the Alberta Seed Growers' Association trophy this year for general efficiency among 4H clubs in Alberta, was paid at a recent gathering by J. S. Thompson, ASGA manager at Red Deer, who spoke of the excellent work being done and complimented the members on the high quality of the grain displayed on the Club's Achievement Day.

This year Dallas High had the best sample of oats, and Alvin McCool was reserve champion and also won the clubs general efficiency award, consisting of an all-expense week at the Olds School of Agriculture.

Presentation of the Canadian Council 4-H Clubs Leadership Certificate was made to Blake Stillings, by Hugh McPhail, district agriculturist of Olds, who supervises all this club work in the area. Mr. Stillings, who is the UGG agent at Crossfield, showed his interest in the activities of farm young people eight years ago by reorganizing a Junior Grain Club which had become inactive. The club now consists of 16 boys and 8 girls, with Hillyard Ruddy president and Jo Anne Sefton secretary.

WORLD CHRONICLE

Nov. 18th. — U.K. parliament ratifies Paris agreements for rearming Germany. Conservatives retain seat, with increased majority, in British by-election.

Nov. 19th. — India proposes amendment to atoms-for-peace plan, at UN, to add to number of sponsoring nations. West German cabinet approves London agreement (to re-arm Germany) 13 to 5. At Istanbul, Vice-admiral Combs hints U.S. navy now has atomic weapons. Washington states Viet Minh forces in north Indo-China have been increased. Ottawa plans no special program of public works, states Labor Minister Gregg.

Nov. 20th. — Russia offers to postpone European collective security conference if Western powers delay ratification of London agreement.



ANDREI VISHINSKY

French government increases taxes on liquors, takes other steps to decrease drinking. UN rejects Indian motion on atoms-for-peace. Vishinsky demands atomic agency be responsible to UN.

Nov. 21st. — In Washington, Dulles, Mendes-France, call for early ratification London agreement. Cairo announces Naguib won't be put on trial on conspiracy charges. President US Chamber of Commerce says import restrictions necessitated by farm price supports.

Nov. 22nd. — Vishinsky dies of heart attack. At UN, Mendes-France suggests Big Four conference in May. India won't press for vote on atomic energy amendment, states Krishna Menon, at UN; sponsors of amendment reject both Indian and Russian amendments. Stassen urges European nations aid US in building up "free nations of Asia." Tunisian government agrees with Paris on offer of amnesty to 3,000 armed terrorists if they surrender; failing this, destruction threatened. Sloan arbitration award in Canadian rail dispute gives fringe benefits worth about \$7 millions; suggests subsidy to compensate railways for Crow's Nest Pass rates on grain.

Nov. 23rd. — Malik will replace Vishinsky as head of Russian delegation to UN, announced. UN general assembly political committee approves atoms-for-peace resolution, 60 to 0. Peiping radio announces 13 US

Business Oligarchy May Strangle Our Hard Won Freedoms, Danger

CHICAGO. — Unless political democracy is supported by economic democracy, business oligarchy may strangle those freedoms won in the past two hundred years, declared Msgr. M. M. Coady, of St. Francis Xavier University, in speaking to the recent congress of the Co-operative League of the U.S.A. in this city. Only consumer co-operation, he declared, lays the economic basis for a complete, democratic, social philosophy.

prisoners sentenced to jail terms on spying charges. Washington declares charges "trumped up". Churchill states he will seek conference with Malenkov following ratification of Paris agreements; also reveals that in 1954 he had asked that arms of German war prisoners be kept available for re-issue to Germans if the Russian advance continued.

Nov. 24th. — Moscow says conference on German reunification, as proposed by Eisenhower, would be pointless after London agreement signed. In Bonn address, Hoover says Germans may be bastion against "Asiatic hordes." Nutting, UK under secretary for foreign affairs, declares at UN Chinese spy charges against US fliers "outrageous." Towers will be next ambassador to US, after retirement of head of Bank of Canada, states Ottawa despatch.

Nov. 25th. — British press critical of Churchill's statement on disposition of German arms in 1945. Session of Parliament closes, in London; new session to open on November 30th. Trades union meeting at Coventry, England, refuses to discuss resolution proposing discrimination against colored workers from Jamaica.

Nov. 26th. — Canadian mayors ask federal aid in coping with unemployment. West German societies for Christian-Jewish co-operation state that anti-Semitism and nationalism are on increase in Germany. From Formosa comes report of raid of small Nationalist island, Wuchiu, from mainland.

Nov. 27th. — Pope Pius suffers recurrence of symptoms; is ordered by physicians to rest. Canada won't be able to feed her population in ten years, is the opinion of F. H. Kortright, president of the Ontario conservation council.

Nov. 28th. — Peiping ignores US protests on jailing of war prisoners. UN reports Canada will contribute \$1.5 millions to technical assistance fund.

Nov. 29th. — McCarthy wins move to end Senate debate on censure motion; offers to withdraw "any discourteous and offensive language" against Communist provocation in Asia, but rules out any blockade. Dulles says US will "react vigorously" against China. Molotov says Soviet states must take new measures towards military strength. Heavy storms sweep British Isles.

Nov. 30th. — Queen opens Parliament in London, Churchill honored on 80th birthday. Malan retires as leader of South African "Nationalist" Party; is succeeded by Strijdom, bitter upholder of white supremacy policies. Tito leaves Yugoslavia on good-will tour of India and Burma.

Dec. 1st. — Czech spokesman says arming of West Germany constitutes threat to Czechoslovakia, Poland and East Germany; says organization must be built up to counter NATO.

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PENNYTOP, the elf, looked at the laden table. It was covered with all the things needed to make Christmas a happy time; presents to wrap, cards to write, mince pies to make and the Christmas tree to dress.

Pennytop groaned, "We shall never get through all this work by Christmas Eve," he sighed.

The door opened and in bustled Pip, Pennytop's friend, who lived with him.

"I don't believe you have done a thing, Pennytop!" he said indignantly. "I have cleaned the house and done all the shopping, but what have you done?"

"There is so MUCH to do!" grumbled Pennytop.

"Of course there is," retorted Pip. "And why? Because you sit and look at things instead of working hard. Now I am off to gather the holly and mistletoe. You must have the mincepies made by my return."

When Pip had gone, Pennytop slumped further down into his chair and stirred the flour in the baking bowl with his finger.

"I am not strong enough to do all this work," he complained to himself.

He said it so often that he began to wonder if it were true and he went across to the mirror to see how he looked. He looked very well indeed until he had the idea of dabbing flour on his round pink cheeks! Then he DID see a pale and poorly-looking little elf peeping back at him! He staggered cheerfully to his bed.

"Even Pip will feel sorry for me now," he thought, gleefully, as he snuggled down.

Pip bustled cheerfully in with armful of gay holly and dainty mistletoe. When he saw Pennytop's pale face peering glumly over the bed covers he was most alarmed.

"Poor, poor Pennytop," he cried. "I must bring the Wise Woman to make you better."

"No, no!" cried Pennytop.

But Pip had gone and now Pennytop did not feel quite as cheerful. The Wise Woman was very wise and

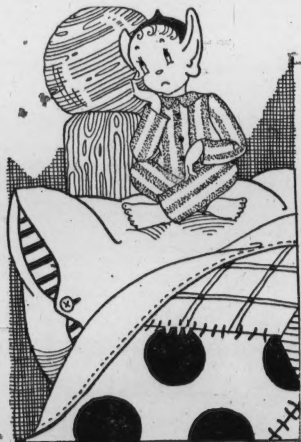
often saw through Pennytop's little tricks.

"But I am pale," thought Pennytop, anxiously, and he rubbed on a little more flour to make quite certain.

"Hm-mm-mm!" frowned the Wise Woman, rubbing her pointed chin. "He is pale, isn't he? I had better give him some medicine."

She thrust her hand into the air, uttered a few magic words and pulled down a bottle of blue medicine.

"One good dose after a large meal," she said, sternly, and off she went.



This was just the sort of treatment Pennytop liked. He enjoyed the meal and even the medicine tasted nice. Then he settled down for a pleasant snooze whilst poor Pip tidied up. Later Pennytop awakened up.

"How dark it has grown!" he thought.

But it was not dark. He was under the bed clothes. He tried to pull them from over his head, but the sheets had grown so heavy that he had quite a struggle to climb out of them. The spots on the patches of the patchwork quilt were now so large that each was as big as Pennytop himself. Pennytop shouted for Pip and when he came in he looked like a giant. Then Pennytop knew that it was not everything grown large but he, poor Pennytop, had grown small!

"Run for the Wise Woman at once," he begged Pip. "I must have taken too much medicine!"

Soon Pip came back with another bottle of medicine, bright pink this time.

"It is all right," he gasped. "The Wise Woman says it is all part of the treatment, and here is another bottle to make you grow."

Pennytop gulped down the new medicine and perched himself on top of the pillow waiting to grow. Sure enough before long, he was his normal size. Kind Pip clapped his hands delightedly.

"There, Pennytop!" he cried. "Now you are your old self."

Pennytop sighed thankfully and slid down inside the bed clothes.

"That has made me feel more ill than ever," said he, wondering if there was still enough flour on his face to make him pale. "I shall have

to rest," and I should like a nice cup of tea, Pip."

As he spoke the word "rest", Pennytop began to grow some more. He grew so much he had to bend his knees to keep his feet in bed!

"The Wise Woman MUST have made a mistake this time," he cried. "Do go and tell her, Pip!"

Off his friend hurried, leaving Pennytop falling out of bed as fast as he scrambled back, he was so much too big for it. This time a large pill came back from the Wise Woman.

"Swallow that!" panted Pip. "The Wise Woman says its all part of the treatment."

"I hope it will stop me from falling out of bed," said Pennytop, crossly, as he swallowed the sticky round pill.

"That is just what the Wise Woman said it would do," declared Pip.

Pennytop shrank again but he still had not learned his lesson. He snuggled down and waited for tired Pip to fetch him a cup of tea.

"Here you are," said Pip, cheerfully. "Sit up!"

Pennytop tried but he couldn't. "I'm stuck!" he cried. "I CAN'T sit up!"

"Well I never!" said Pip. "The Wise Woman does mean you to have a good rest!"

Pip went off and Pennytop lay frowning. This was not very nice. He did want to sit up for meals. Meanwhile Pip bustled back and began to dress the tree, which is always fun. Then he made the mince pies and ate a steaming hot one, with Pennytop longing for one too. Then Pip hung up the holly and he looked as if he were having such a good time — as indeed he was — that Pennytop began to wish that he had not dodged all the happy, gay work there is to do at Christmas!

Tears fell down his cheeks and made two pink paths through the flour as the Wise Woman popped her head around the door.

"Oh!" she exclaimed, when she saw Pennytop's striped cheeks. "Are you cured, young man?"

"Oh, yes!" sobbed Pennytop. "Do



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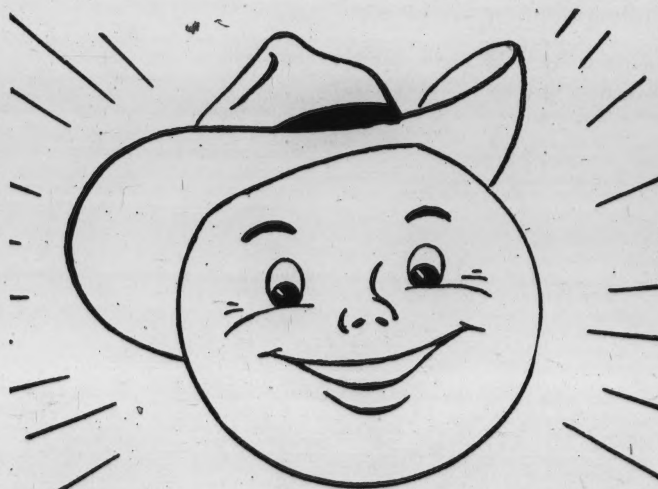
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let me get up!" In less time than it takes to tell he was out of bed and running around helping Pip!

The Wise Woman ate a mince pie and left Pennytop and Pip two parcels to open on Christmas Day, then off she went about her magic — leaving two VERY busy and VERY happy little elves!



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Christmas in Memory and in Anticipation

Dear Farm Women:

Incredible as it may seem it is time for me to once more write my Christmas letter! I was mulling over something in my mind before I went to sleep last night, and it suddenly struck me that again I could send my good wishes for the occasion. When I thought of it at first, it seemed incredible, for it seems, oh, such a short twelve months since I sent my last ones to you. In addition, it seems most un-Christmas-like here, although of course there is time for the weather to change before that day, but we are having a prolonged series of rainy days or dull, foggy ones at best.

Mind's Picture Is White Christmas

Of course Christmas in our minds is a day of a white landscape and sparkling, sunny weather by day and at night the stars, oh, so bright, glittering in the sky at night and the northern lights to perfect the picture. We know that, if we were to have a correct record of the day through the years, we might find some far from pleasing. For instance, truth compels me to remember that once our Christmas guests came about ten miles on their journey to us from their Christmas dinner and then the drifting snow was so bad for a stretch ahead that they had to turn and go back.

Fortunately memories have a way of losing much of their unpleasantness and they play a very large part of the Christmas season, especially for the older ones of us. To the very young ones anticipation or hope plays the greater part, and we might say that that applies not only to Christmas but to life in general.

Samuel Johnson's Story

Do you remember Samuel Johnson on the subject? He pictures someone seeking pleasure and returning in a chaise — so it was in the good old days when people did not travel as much — to his old home province, where he thought to enjoy his old friends and talk over old times together.

However, the first place he went, his old friend did not at first recognize him and afterwards entertained him most formally. Then he went on to see another, and found he had moved away. The third visit was not

much more fortunate, as that friend had evidently had the misfortune to become poorer and seemed to regard the visit as somewhat of an intrusion.

"Hope Itself Is Happiness"

Then Dr. Johnson continues: "It is seldom that we find either men or places such as we expect them. Yet it is necessary to hope, though hope should always be deluded; for hope itself is happiness and its frustrations, however frequent, are yet less dreadful than its extinction."

So in our memory we may go back even to a time when we wanted so badly to get a sleeping doll for Christmas and Christmas morning did bring a doll but one with a steady stare, so different from our hopes. On up through the years we may have had other disappointments in regard to gifts or friends or family coming, or the weather or something, but we recall so many other things which have left a pleasant memory, and as Samuel Johnson says, we are indeed in a sorry plight if we have nothing for which we are hoping for the coming Christmas season.

The Kindly Letter — The Small Gift

And we are fortunate that it is not always what might be considered the big things which give pleasure. The kindly letters from a friend, the small gift, the unwieldy efforts of the very young members of the family mean much. Also there is the great pleasure of feeling that we have been able in some way to add to the Christmas of others.

So may I wish to you all the pleasure of remembering, the happiness of the present and the joy of anticipation for this Christmas season, and the ones to come.

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

"Life is stronger than death. And life is particularly good when there is no hate in the heart, when a man feels minded to do some good to other men, whether living or dead."
—Klimov.

WELCOME CANADIAN GRADUATES

LONDON, Eng. — A party of 36 Canadian engineering graduates were recently welcomed to Britain at an official reception at the Commonwealth Relations office, in Whitehall. They will take two-year study courses with British firms, universities and institutes, under Athlone Fellowships.



Gift Suggestions

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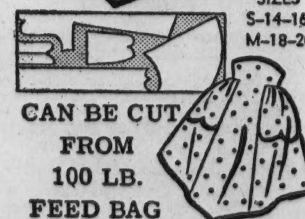
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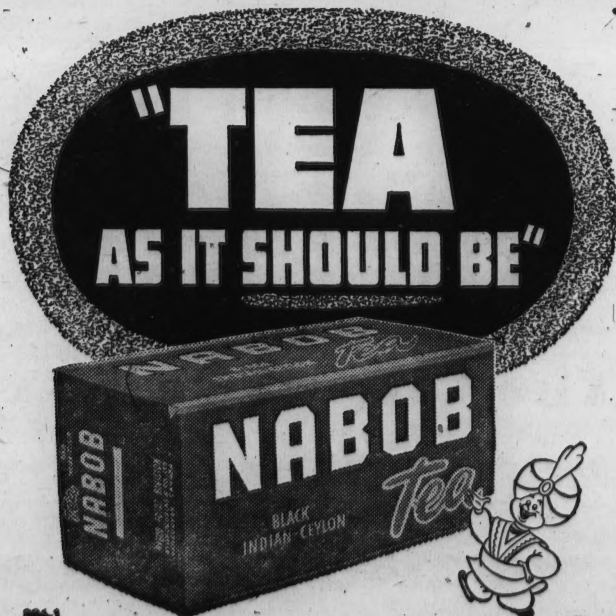
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Brownlee to Deal With Legislation Affecting Women

Many Interesting Speakers Will Address FWUA Convention Next Week

So great was the interest in the address of Hon. J. E. Brownlee to last year's convention, that he has been asked to deal further with legislation affecting women at the annual convention of the Farm Women's Union of Alberta to be held in Edmonton next week, and he will speak on Thursday afternoon December 9th. The FWUA delegates will sit in joint session with the men on the opening day, Monday, December 6th.

Among other speakers during the week will be Hon. Gordon Taylor, whose subject will be "Highway Safety"; and Dr. A. R. Schrag, of the Mental Guidance Clinic.

Pakistan will be the subject of an address by Mrs. Earl Bowser, who recently returned from that country. She will display some specimens of Pakistan handicrafts; and there will be an exhibit of articles obtained from the Pakistan government.

Holland will be featured in various ways, including films and entertainment by Dutch artists, announces Mrs. W. C. Taylor, provincial president of the FWUA.

Many "Pool Women" Are Former School Teachers

Most Enjoyable Program at Annual Dinner Meeting

At twenty years of age, so it appeared from roll call answers at the annual dinner meeting of the "Wheat Pool Women" held at the Royal Hotel, Calgary, last week, most of the wives of delegates and directors of the grain co-operative were teachers in country districts, either just married or just engaged, or about to become engaged, to a local school board member. Mrs. F. W. Madill presided. A most enjoyable program was given by a mixed quartette, Donna Gendel, Sharon Stewart, Harvey Patterson and Jim Waddell, introduced by Mrs. Dabinett. New officers elected were Mrs. Ray Bell, Carstairs; Mrs. Spence Morrison, High River; and Mrs. T. H. Hagerman, Parkland. It was decided to send a telegram — written in verse by Mrs. T. S. Montgomerie — to Mrs. Ben Plumer, convalescing at her home in Bassano. Mrs. W. Norman Smith brought greetings from The Western Farm Leader.

LOCAL HAS MANY ENTERPRISES

Black Diamond FWUA made plans at a recent meeting for setting up a lunch booth at a turkey shoot, and to hold a "penny sale," writes Mrs. J. G. McGregor, secretary. Christmas plans were also discussed.

"The point has at last been appreciated that, while adult censorship of serious books is foolish, the protection of children is a primary duty of society."—"Critic" in The New Statesman and Nation, on "Comics."

CARE Parcels for Needy

CHICAGO, Ill. — Jerry Voorhis, executive director, announces that CARE will send two food parcels of 13 to 15 lbs. each to hungry and needy people in 32 countries, for only \$1. CARE has received enough US "surplus" foods to make up 1,227,500 of these packages. They cannot be sent to individuals but recipients will be selected on the basis of greatest need. Donations should be sent simply to "CARE, Chicago."

For Christmas Entertaining



This Poinsetta Party Loaf will double for a centerpiece. It can be made ahead of time; in fact chilling improves it and makes it easier to slice. Prepare any three of these sandwich fillings: diced hard-cooked eggs with minced onion and mayonnaise; diced chicken or turkey, with a little diced celery and mayonnaise; soft cream cheese with minced olive and pimento; minced ham with sweet mustard relish; pimento cheese with chopped parsley. Slice a loaf of bread in four lengthwise slices, butter, and spread with the three fillings; put together and frost with cream cheese beaten to the right consistency to spread — you'll need three packages. Decorate, as shown, with slices of pimento and green pepper; or trim it with green pepper holly leaves, or a bright red star or bell.

Dark Fruit Cake: 1-1/2 cups butter, 2 cups dark brown sugar, eight eggs; sift 4 cups flour with 1 tsp. each soda, nutmeg, cloves and cinnamon. Prepare 2 lbs. currants and 3 lbs. raisins, 1/2 lb. citron peel, 1/2 lb. almonds (blanched and sliced); coat with a little of the flour mixture, then combine all, adding a wineglass of brandy (says the recipe, over a hundred years old); or fruit juice.

Butter-baked Turkey: Remove the crusts from 2 large, stale loaves; cube, and toast in oven. Sauté 1/2 cup minced onion in 4 tbs. butter; add bread, with 1/2 tsp. pepper, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. poultry seasoning, and 3/4 lb. melted butter. (Enough for 16 lb. turkey). Stuff and truss turkey; dip moist cheesecloth in melted butter and cover turkey with it; as it roasts, frequently brush the cloth with more melted butter (about a pound will be required). For a turkey this size, roasting time will be 4 to 4-1/2 hours.

Corn and Ham Scallop: Melt 4 tbs. butter, add 3 tbs. each diced onion and green pepper, and cook slowly over direct heat 5 minutes; add 4 tbs. flour, 1/2 tsp. salt, and 1-1/2 cups evaporated milk, stirring until thickened; then add 1 can cream-style corn and 2 cups diced cooked ham, pour into casserole and bake in hot oven 15-20 minutes.

Shortbread: Cream 1 cup butter, add 1/2 cup fruit sugar, then 2 cups flour and 1/4 tsp. salt. Turn out on baking board, and add more flour until mixture "cracks." Roll into 2 rounds, 6 inches across and half an inch thick; cut each into 8 wedge-shaped pieces. Bake in slow oven until delicately brown.

News of Women's Locals

Rosyth FWUA recently arranged a tea and bazaar, and elected Mrs. Woyen and Mrs. Manning to attend the annual convention.

Jenny Lind FWUA are raffling a Christmas cake at a banquet planned tonight (Friday). Their convention delegates are Mrs. Swanson and Mrs. Brockelsby.

Dakota FWUA (Ponoka) have cancelled their usual Christmas gift exchange, writes Mrs. C. E. Archibald, and instead are devoting the money to a case of need.

For their November meeting, Inland FWUA chalked up a 100 per cent attendance, writes Mrs. R. Goshko. A social meeting was arranged to discuss convention resolutions.

St. Albert FWUA will have entries in all six classes at the convention handicrafts exhibit, writes Mrs. Fuhr. At a recent meeting convention resolutions were studied.

Red Deer Lake FWUA have decided to begin work immediately on next year's bazaar, writes Mrs. Bamford, the secretary. This year's was well attended, and showed a profit of \$128.

Plans for their bazaar were made at a recent meeting of Royce FWUA (Hines Creek), writes Mrs. W. J. Ed-



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munds. It was decided to make a new Santa suit for the Christmas concert, and each member agreed to donate 15 individually packed lunches for the FUA dance.



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is still room for many more active groups throughout the province, and the organization of these can fill a continually growing gap in our community social and organization needs.

Complete Marketing Board Meetings

The Alberta Federation of Agriculture recently completed its series of public meetings that were held for the purpose of discussing the need for marketing board legislation and to discuss marketing problems generally.

Meetings have been held in forty-five rural constituencies. Roy C. Marler, president and K. V. Kapler, vice-president, addressed most of the meetings jointly. And in most cases they were accompanied by the MLA for the constituency in which the meeting was held.

It is interesting to note that in all the meetings held only about 6 per cent of those present voted against the principle of a need for Marketing Legislation.

Following this series of meetings, on November 26th, the Federation met with the premier and members of his cabinet and submitted a report covering the results of the meetings and the opinions expressed by the farm people attending.

The Federation carried out this program as a result of instructions given by the delegates in annual meeting last December, and the executive will be reporting back to the annual meeting being held shortly.

Discusses Wheat Varieties

That farmers of eastern Alberta and western Saskatchewan should plant Thatcher wheat next year is the advice of Dr. F. J. Greaney, director of Line Elevators Farm Service. If

The Wheat Situation

By E. PATCHING,
Publicity Department,
Alberta Wheat Pool

There are indications of a stronger world demand for wheat this year than in the past year, George McIvor, chief commissioner of the Canadian Wheat Board, told the annual meeting of the Alberta Wheat Pool in Calgary earlier this week. Europe had a somewhat smaller crop than last year but what was more important, the crop was generally of low quality due to the heavy rains experienced during the harvest season. There is now a rush to get the grain of high moisture content into the mills before it deteriorates and this has the effect of slowing import needs to date. Once the domestic crop has been taken care of, Mr. McIvor expects to see an increase in buying.

There is likely to be keen competition for markets from South America and Australia this year but much less from such countries as Turkey and Sweden which unexpectedly turned out to be fairly substantial exporters last year.

In Southern Hemisphere

Conditions in Argentina point to a crop at least as large as last year's outturn of 220 million bushels. In Australia conditions have not been so favorable as drought has persisted in most regions and latest estimates place production at around 150 million bushels compared with the 200 million a year ago.

The poor quality crop may be particularly important from the Canadian standpoint since, in order to utilize the large volume of low grade grain produced domestically, Europe, millers may be forced to add a greater volume of the high quality high protein wheat from Canada than would normally be the case. A report from the Netherlands states that millers there must use at least 35 per cent of domestic grain in their grist with the result that purchases from Canada are expected to be fairly heavy.

World Demand Still Large

Mr. McIvor pointed out to delegates that while the world demand for wheat declined in 1953-54 it was still large — well over 800 million bushels. When allowance was made for consumption of relatively large wheat crops in importing countries and a sharp reduction in reserve stocks of imported wheat carried in some countries, it is apparent that 1953-54 was a year of large consumption and did not indicate any lessening in the use of wheat as a staple food product.

planted early, he states, Thatcher can be depended on to give a good account of itself. Selkirk, the only bread wheat variety that is resistant to Race 15B of stem rust, is unfortunately in short supply. While about 3,250,000 bushels are available for seed, this will do little more than meet the requirements of Manitoba and eastern Saskatchewan, the bad rust area. Lee, which is resistant to leaf rust, offers possibilities in certain districts, states Dr. Greaney; while farmers in sawfly-infested areas should of course plant either Chinook or Rescue.

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Dec. 1st.—Hogs sold yesterday \$24, sows \$14.50 to \$14.75, liveweight; good lambs \$16.50 to \$17.50. Good to choice steers were \$19 to \$21, down to \$12 for common; good to choice heifers \$16 to \$18, down to \$10; good cows \$8.50 to \$9.50, down to \$7.25; canners and cutters \$4 to \$7. Good stocker and feeder steers \$16 to \$17.50, down to \$12 for common.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Nov. 29 — Heavy marketings of cattle of mostly plain quality continued last week. Choice steers brought \$20 to \$21, down to \$8 for common; choice heifers \$16 to \$17.50, down to \$8; good cows were \$7.75 to \$8.50, down to \$6.25. Stocker and feeder steers sold mostly from \$14 to \$15.50. Grade A hogs for Vancouver, were \$25.

THE DAIRY MARKET

While local prices for top grade cream are unchanged — 63 for special and 61 for No. 1 — there has been an eight cent drop in the lower grades; No. 2 is now bringing 44 cents and off-grade 39. Prints, wholesale, are 64.

EGG AND POULTRY MARKET

CALGARY. — A further drop in egg prices has brought A large to 30, B to 28 and C to 22; B's are 22 and C's 15. Dressed chicken, to producers, all weights, are 30 for A grade, 22 for B and 15 for C. Dressed fowl, under 4 lbs., are 16 down to 8; 4 to 5 lbs., 18 down to 9; over 5 lbs., 20 down to 10. Dressed turkeys, under 18, to producers, are 32 to 36 for A grade, 27 for B and 16 for C; over 18 lbs., 27 down to 18.

GEORGE McIVOR

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reduced crops of oats and barley, the Board will be able to find markets for whatever quantities producers are able to deliver within the present crop year.

The speaker said that he is greatly in favor of the International Wheat Agreement and was impressed by the attitudes taken by both exporting and importing countries.

At a meeting of the Council held last October a sense of responsibility permeated the discussion and there was a firm belief that it was in no one's interest that the good production in recent years and the reserve stocks now in exporting countries should be considered other than in a constructive manner.

Both wheat importing and exporting nations have a common long-term interest in the stable international trade in wheat. The current agreement will expire July 31st, 1956, and a conference will be held in London in the middle of 1955 to negotiate a renewal thereof.

ALBERTA WHEAT POOL

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will be used to make a general 5 per cent purchase of all reserves held by Wheat Pool members.

In all, the cash distribution to members will amount to \$1,236,285.

Plans were also announced for a \$2,000,000 addition to the Alberta Wheat Pool's terminal at Vancouver. Storage space for another 2,000,000 bushels of grain will be added bringing the total capacity of the terminal to 7,150,000 bushels. It is also proposed to add a new warehouse with 12 new cleaners which will permit faster and more efficient operation. This move was felt desirable in view of the increasing volume of grain moving through West Coast terminals.

Poultry Show Starts December 6th

The annual provincial Poultry Show, to be held in the Pavilion, Calgary, December 6th, 7th and 8th, is being sponsored by the Calgary Poultry, Turkey, and Pet Stock Association. Judging will take place on Monday morning; there will be demonstrations (of cooking turkey) on Monday and Wednesday evenings, and an auction sale on Tuesday evening.

Critically Speaking



Only serious film critic being carried by any network in North America is Clyde Gilmour (above), who is heard every Sunday afternoon on the CBC program "Critically Speaking." His opinions are not always shared by the public, but "he calls them as he sees them." His film reviews also appear in Maclean's magazine. The toughest part of being a reviewer, he says, is to put up with noisy children and talkative adults, while he's watching a movie.

UFA Co-operative Re-elects Board

All directors of the United Farmers of Alberta Co-operative were re-elected at the annual meeting of delegates in Calgary in November, and following the meeting the board re-elected George E. Church, Balzac, president, Jake Frey of Arneson, vice-president and George N. Johnston of Loyalist the third executive member.

The annual meeting amended the by-laws to provide for corporate membership, five territorial districts being set up, to be known as "Co-operative Districts," each electing one delegate, and the five electing one director, Mr. Johnston being elected for the coming year.

Patronage Dividends

Payment of deferred patronage dividends for 1946 was directed and payment will be made this month. Distribution will amount to \$54,319. The board was authorized to bring in a recommendation respecting increased holdings of common shares. Deferred patronage dividends on the last year's business are 4 per cent on petroleum products and 2 per cent to locals on Farm Supplies.

The meeting asked the FUA and the AFA to continue to press for the setting up of a Great Plains Water Authority, whose powers would include the prevention of the pollution of rivers.

Seek Suspension of Collections

The Alberta government was asked to advance such sums as are needed, to the Municipal Hall Insurance Board and Rural Electrification Associations, to enable them to suspend collections until, at least the quota of five bushels has been delivered.

It was pointed out that most farmers have incurred heavy expenses for

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FUA Convention Will Be Highly Important Event

Roundup Day Success Brings Accession of New Members to Organization

On account of increased interest in the Farmers' Union of Alberta whose success in the recent Roundup Day is described elsewhere, the annual convention to be held in Edmonton next week, starting Monday, promises to be perhaps the most important in its history. Both the new members and the public generally will have their eyes on the convention.

"Another reason making this year's convention of more than usual importance," the FUA office points out, "is the economic situation. In many parts of Alberta a virtual crop failure is the rule. In those areas special assistance will be necessary to enable farmers there to carry on. This matter has been taken up by the FUA and will no doubt get further attention from the Convention.

"Back of all this lies the issue of Parity Prices for Canadian farm products. Agricultural costs and prices are completely out of line. What are we going to do about it?

"In spite of all difficulties which may arise, every local should be represented."

Increases Sales

LONDON, Eng. — Britain sold \$725 million worth of motor vehicles and equipment overseas in the first nine months of this year, an increase of \$98 millions over exports for the same period in 1953.

Flax Poisonous if Frozen

LETHBRIDGE, Alta. — Flax, if frozen is poisonous to livestock, states Dr. Frank Whitting of the Lethbridge Experimental Station. Cooking, however, makes it safe to feed.

grain storage facilities and in efforts to save the 1954 crop, and in meeting other abnormal expenses, heavily depleting cash reserves.

Complaint was made at the meeting that farm workers will only go to farms when work is not available elsewhere, and that then they go to favored districts. It was urged that a committee of the AFA and FUA and Alberta Department of Agriculture be set up to see what can be done to meet this situation.

Successful Banquet

Following the second day's proceedings, a largely attended banquet, with many guests, was held in the Palliser hotel, with Mr. Church as the genial and witty toastmaster. Donald Cameron, M.Sc., director of the Department of Extension of the University of Alberta, the guest speaker, following a broad historical survey, described the baffling economic and political problems which confront the world of today. He stressed the role which adult education can play in fitting the democratic world to meet today's challenge.



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Eastern Stock Growers May Be Short of Feed

Federal-Provincial Agricultural Conference to Open in Ottawa Dec. 6th

By M. McDougall,
Leader Correspondent

OTTAWA, Dec. 1st — Poor harvesting weather was not this fall confined to the West. It had its effect in the East as well, with the result that feed grains in sections of Ontario and elsewhere are not so good as last year in quantity and quality. In some spots it was impossible to complete harvesting at all.

The result of this reduction in the supply of feed grain will be either reduction of products dependent on these feed supplies, or increased demand for feed grain from the West which will be of interest to Western producers with this year's crop holding a larger than usual proportion of feed grains.

Livestock Markets Good

The cattle markets throughout the country have been consistently good right along, those whose job it is to keep close tab on these markets have reported. There has been little or no export trade, but domestic demand has been strong, taking up deliveries at good, steady, strong prices. Normally at this time of year markets are down, but not so this year. It was expected that hog marketings would be about 20 per cent in quantity over last year, but the advance was less than that, reaching about 10 per cent over last year; but contrary also to expectations, which foresaw a decline in hog prices, these prices, while slumping a little a few weeks ago, became quite strong again.

Federal-Provincial Conference

For three days in the coming week (December 6th to 8th) there will be held in the parliament buildings here the annual Federal, Provincial Agricultural Conference. Papers to be read to the meetings have been prepared or are receiving finishing touches. The whole agricultural picture will be re-

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viewed; and marketing and other prospects will be discussed. Federal and provincial government policies will be discussed from all angles, with the Canadian Federation of Agriculture taking part. It is agriculture's round table talk, which had at its inception a definite object — to fill in the best and quickest way possible our bacon markets in Britain in wartime. Now it has become a regular institution, which it is hoped and expected will continue, in which the problems of the farmers and the best way of solving them, the effects of the vagaries of nature, outside the competence of individuals, their associations or legislatures, are freely and frankly discussed.

What Is Required

In an earlier report Mr. Summers advised *The Western Farm Leader* that a sign-up of 38,000 family heads is needed before a clear majority of working farmers within the organization can be claimed. There are 75,000 farms in the province, and to establish itself in an unchallengeable way, said the director, the FUA should try to enroll at least forty-one thousand families for an overall 55 per cent.

"With the mail returns piling in fast," *The Leader* was advised by Mrs. Pansy Molen, "we are unable to keep up, and our office may get behind as many as three to five thousand names a day."

Mr. Justice Porter Honored at Annual Wheat Pool Banquet

In recognition of the great services which he has rendered to the Alberta Wheat Pool during the 26 years he served as chief legal counsel, Mr. Justice M. M. Porter was presented on Monday with a "25 years of service" watch by Ben S. Plumer, chairman of the board of directors, on the occasion of the annual banquet attended by 450 delegates and guests in the Palliser Hotel, Calgary.

Mr. Plumer, who was most happy and efficient as master of ceremonies, referred to the valued and constructive part which, during the Pool's formative, difficult years and since, the guest of honor had played. His counsel, given over so many years, and the kindness of his personality had assured the most pleasant relationship during his long period of service.

"Magnificent Experience"

Mr. Justice Porter said that his experience, from the year 1928, when he joined the legal department of the Pool, had been a magnificent one. He had been highly privileged to work with a board of directors of stalwart men, the servants of farmers who were determined to solve their own problems with their own money. During the depression years, when they were almost flooded they resolutely

viewed; and marketing and other prospects will be discussed. Federal and provincial government policies will be discussed from all angles, with the Canadian Federation of Agriculture taking part. It is agriculture's round table talk, which had at its inception a definite object — to fill in the best and quickest way possible our bacon markets in Britain in wartime. Now it has become a regular institution, which it is hoped and expected will continue, in which the problems of the farmers and the best way of solving them, the effects of the vagaries of nature, outside the competence of individuals, their associations or legislatures, are freely and frankly discussed.

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Ald. Bruce Watson, himself a son of a farmer deeply interested in the movement, brought greetings from the City.

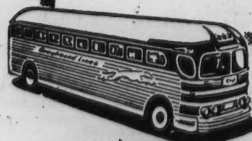
A very enjoyable program of entertainment was provided by "The Choral Belles" directed by Mrs. Doug. Thornton and The Cushings, who presented a marionette show.

Please mention *The Western Farm Leader*.

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MUSTARD AND CRESS

By LIONEL SIDNEY CAIN

Hello, Folks!

This column wishes its readers a Very Merry Christmas and a gay and prosperous New Year.

We suggest you celebrate the festival in the good old fashion-

ed English way or in the good old fashioned Irish way, but be sure the dinner has a Scotch accent if you get what we mean.

New York hostess says that tomato juice alone leaves the Christmas dinner without any punch.

It also leaves it without the right pop, fizz and sparkle!

London writer declares: "The spirit of Christmas never grows old."

We disagree. The older it gets the better it is.

Fern of Fernie reminds us that "a white Christmas should be green in the memory."

"And any way," asserts the Bad Egg of Crows Nest Pass, "if you don't like the chilly winds that usually prevail about this time, it's a relief to know you don't have to go south for SOUTHERN COMFORT."

"Mistletoe not to be so scarce this year" — news bulletin.

Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp, comments: "That should make it reasonably safe to accept most party invitations."

Now we've given you all that, folks, we'd better try giving you a little "moderation" too.

The Montreal Alouettes may have been a little red in the face but we bet the Edmonton Eskimos didn't feel the least bit blue as they carried home the Grey Cup.

FOR YOU AT CHRISTMAS

The glow of candles — green
 and red holly,
 And stars of Heaven shining
 bright.
 The presence of dear ones,
 friendly and jolly—
 The strains of "Silent . . .
 Holy Night."

—Volodimir Barabash.

Chuck of Chuckawalla declares: "When you hear the bells, you will know they are ringing OUT because they are ringing Christmas IN."

NOTE FOR SHOPPERS

This is the time when it pays not to let yourself be trimmed. Patronize the advertisers in the Leader and be sure of a square deal.

Nan of Nanton observes: "The main difference between men and boys is simply a matter of toys."

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH?

"When a man knows what's in a package he doesn't care what it's wrapped in," declares Eddie Cantor.

But unfortunately the package does!

According to a news report, the C.N.R. may show a loss this year. Which will make it just like old times!

But speaking of the days gone by, maybe they weren't so precious, for Mary of Carbon postcards: "Remember it was in the good old days that we were all twice as miserable as we are now."

Mary must have been reading Victor Hugo.

"Water is the best mixer for whiskey," declares noted distillery. They're a little late. The Alberta Liquor Board made the discovery a long time ago.

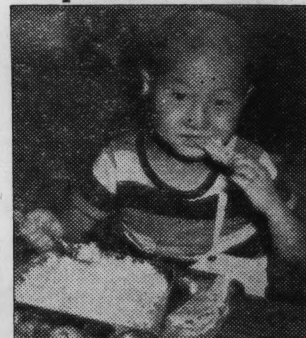
**GOD REST YE MERRY,
GENTLEMEN!**

Helped Devise Atomic Bomb — Dies Aged 55



While nuclear physicists and mathematicians of several countries — Britain, France, Germany, Italy, the United States included — contributed to the research which ended in the making of the atomic bomb, Enrico Fermi (above) who left Mussolini's Italy to live in the US, is credited with devising a final technique for its fabrication. He died in Chicago, on Sunday, aged 55, of cancer. He had recently been named by the Atomic Energy Commission in Washington, with authorization of congress, for a special award of \$25,000, the first of its kind to be given by the US.

"Operation Codfish"



This small Korean, one of the fortunate ones cared for in a Seoul orphanage, is enjoying a piece of dried Canadian codfish, and giving a preview of "Operation Codfish". This project of the Unitarian Service Committee (48 Sparks Street, Ottawa) calls for sending at least 350,000 lbs. of dried, salted Canadian codfish to supply much needed protein to the diet of Korean children. One dollar's worth of codfish will feed a child for two months; and Dr. Lotta Hitschmanova, director of the USC, pleads with Canadian women, doing their Christmas shopping for their own well-cared-for children, to spare a little money for hungry children on the other side of the world.

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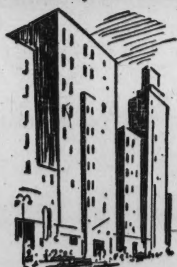
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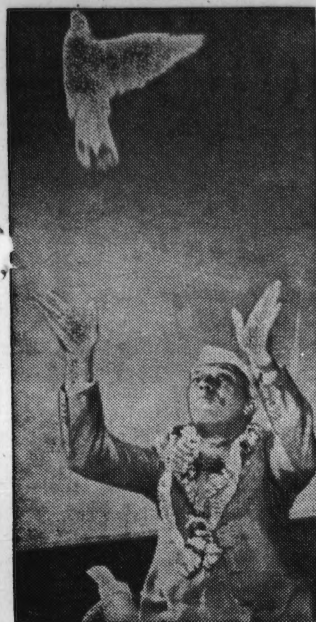
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Pigeons Instead of 66 Candles on Cake



India's prime minister, Pandit Nehru, is shown just after he releases a white pigeon, symbolic of peace, prosperity and freedom, at a reception held by the school children of Delhi state at the National Stadium to celebrate the prime minister's 66th birthday. Sixty-five pigeons followed the lead pigeon, one for each of Nehru's 66 years.

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CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION (Continued from Page 3)

ward end of beak). These veins lie just at the base of the skull and when properly cut bird will bleed freely. Cutting too far back will cause clots to form in neck. Cutting too far forward without striking the vein will not enable you to get proper bleeding.

BRAINING — Immediately after bleeding it is necessary to pierce the brain of the bird to cause feather muscles to relax so feathers can be removed without tearing the skin. To brain a bird insert the knife in the centre of the groove in the mouth. Point the blade toward the top of the head. Press on the knife until the point enters brain cavity causing bird to shudder. Care should be taken in this operation.

Proper braining consists of piercing the brain so that the bird is only paralyzed and feathers can then be removed without difficulty. If you kill the bird when braining this will cause feathers to "set" so they cannot be removed easily or without tearing the skin.

REMOVING FEATHERS — After the bird has been bled and brained, start picking by removing the large tail feathers with a twist and then pull the large feathers from the wings. Birds that are allowed to become cold will be very difficult to pick. In removing feathers do not pull against the grain of the skin. Remove all feathers including wing and tail feathers, and all pin feathers that detract from the appearance of the bird. A good turkey that is not picked clean either has to be cleaned before it is graded or it has to be put in a lower grade because it is not properly picked. When the turkey has been properly picked, give the bird a swinging jerk to remove blood from the mouth. It is important to keep birds clean and the vent should be emptied by squeezing.

COOLING — Birds should be chilled for twenty-four hours before packing and the temperature of the room in which they are chilled should be around 32 to 35 degrees. Do not pile birds while being cooled. Keep them spread out so air can get around them. Birds should not be allowed to freeze as they have to be thawed before they can be packed for the market, and this not only hurts the appearance of the bird, but a bird that has been frozen and thawed will, in many cases, not hold up long enough to reach the market in good condition.

PACKING — When birds have been properly chilled, wrap heads in clean paper and pack in clean boxes or barrels after

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ALBERTA WHEAT POOL

Achievements

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

YEAR ENDING JULY 31st, 1954

ELEVATOR OPERATING RESULTS—

Gross Operating Earnings for Season 1953-54	\$ 3,495,828
Less—	
Interest on Bonds	\$ 10,000
Depreciation on Buildings and Equipment	1,037,722
	<u>1,047,722</u>
Surplus for the Year	\$ 2,448,106

ELEVATOR OPERATIONS—

Operated 505 country elevators and Pool-owned terminal at Vancouver. Terminal No. 9 at Port Arthur was operated under agreement with Manitoba Pool Elevators.

GRAIN HANDLINGS—

Handled 56,186,415 bushels of grain received from producers compared with 79,789,409 bushels the previous year. This represented 31.21% of the total grain marketed in the Province of Alberta in 1953-54.

RESERVE PURCHASES—

Completed purchases in full of all reserves from estates of deceased members and members who have ceased farming, as authorized by the delegates at the annual meeting in 1953. These purchases totalled \$500,572.

PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS—

Distributed \$2,495,099 in patronage dividends for the year 1952-53 involving a cash distribution of \$587,093 and reserve credits of \$1,908,006.

NEW MEMBERS

During the year 2,314 new members joined the Alberta Wheat Pool.

JUNIOR 4-H CLUBS—

Sponsored 74 junior wheat clubs having a total membership of 1,294; 6 forage clubs with 96 members and 71 Girls' Garden Clubs with a membership of 860. All are under the direction of the Alberta Department of Agriculture.

ASSETS

Alberta Wheat Pool and Alberta Pool Elevators Limited at July 31st, 1954: OWNED 507 country elevators, 2 terminals, 397 dwellings, 42 coal and flour sheds, 505 country annexes as well as other fixed assets and equipment in addition to the working capital.

THE MEMBERS' EQUITY in these assets is \$11,408,922 and is equivalent to 128.2% of outstanding reserves.

RECORD OF PROGRESS

Since 1923

At the end of the 1953-54 season the Alberta Wheat Pool owned 507 country elevators situated at 434 points in the Province of Alberta and at three points in the Province of British Columbia. The total capacity of all country grain handling facilities is now 35,540,850 bushels. The first Albert Wheat Pool elevators were built in 1925.

The Alberta Wheat Pool owns modern terminal elevators at Vancouver and Port Arthur. The Vancouver terminal has a capacity of 5,150,000 bushels and the Port Arthur terminal has a capacity of 2,000,000 bushels.

In the 29 years since the Alberta Pool elevators commenced operations the country elevators have handled a total of 1,152,607,812 bushels of grain.

The Pool organization, since its inception in 1923 has handled a combined total of 1,369,473,266 bushels through pooling and elevator operations. The gross value of all grain handled was \$1,376,849,907.

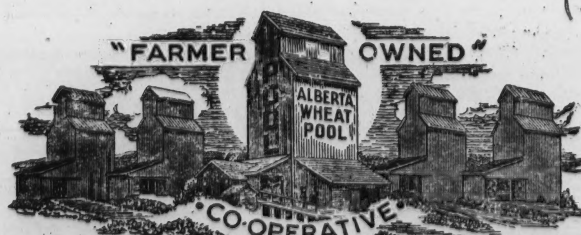
A total of \$15,798,546 has been distributed as patronage dividends to member patrons of the Pool country elevators. Of this amount \$6,256,155 was paid in cash and \$9,542,391 has been established as reserve credits to individual members.

Cash payments to reserve holders and member patrons for interest, reserve purchases and patronage dividends have totalled \$16,025,980. Original contributions by members to elevator and commercial reserves were \$8,467,830.

Alberta Wheat Pool has paid \$6,308,835 in Dominion, Provincial, Municipal and School taxes.

FINANCIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM EARNINGS

Cash Patronage Dividends	\$ 6,256,155
Reserve Purchases	9,112,307
1929 Overpayment Paid in Full	5,649,000
Interest on 1929 Overpayment	3,332,924
Income Taxes Paid	1,635,657
Investment in Fixed Assets	\$18,287,048
Less Reserves originally contributed by Members	8,467,830
	<u>9,819,218</u>
Acquired Working Capital	5,334,260
TOTAL ELEVATOR AND INTEREST EARNINGS.....	\$41,139,521



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